Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1–28 (Canceled).

29. (Currently Amended) A method of making a cover component mountable to an airbag system, the cover component having a tear line that is torn open when an airbag of the airbag system inflates, comprising:

providing a die having a core surface having a raised line formed on the core surface;

providing a moldable material;

molding said moldable material using said die so as to form a molded material having a recessed line corresponding to said raised line, the recessed line extending in a line and having a first end, a central portion with opposing sides, and a second end;

providing a laser; and

irradiating said molded material using said laser so as to bore a plurality of hollows in said recessed line along the central portion in said molded material at intervals, and

wherein a bottom ~~recess~~ of the recessed line at the first or second end of the recessed line is molded to form a sloped surface [[slope]] inclined relative to a back of the cover component, wherein the sloped surface is inclined in a longitudinal direction of the recessed line.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of attaching said molded material to said airbag system.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the tear line extends in an H shape.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the bottom ~~recess~~ of the recessed line near the first or second end of the recessed line is molded to form a slope about 30° to 60° inclined relative to the back of the cover component.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the hollows extend only partially through the cover component.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the recessed line decreases in depth gradually toward the first or second end of the tear line.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the tear line further comprises a region of reduced strength shaped so that the tear line is torn open in said region of reduced strength when the airbag inflates.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the region of reduced strength is deeper than other parts of the recessed line.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the region of reduced strength includes at least one hollow that has approximately the same depth as at least one hollow of another part of the recessed line.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 36, wherein the region of reduced strength includes at least one hollow that is deeper than hollows of other parts of the recessed line.

39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the region of reduced strength includes at least one hollow that is deeper than hollows of other parts of the recessed line.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the region of reduced strength comprises at least a first hollow that has a ceiling that is closer to a front surface of the cover component than a ceiling of at least a second hollow of another part of the recessed line.

41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, further comprising inclined parts adjacent to said first hollow.

42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, further comprising steps adjacent to said first hollow.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the region of reduced strength comprises at least a first hollow that has a ceiling that is approximately equidistant to a front

surface of the cover component as a ceiling of at least a second hollow of another part of the recessed line.

44. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 43, wherein said region of reduced strength comprises at least two adjacent hollows separated by a distance substantially less than a distance separating other adjacent hollows.

45. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the region of reduced strength comprises a recessed line and hollows, and wherein a remaining part of the tear line comprises only hollows.

46. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a cover component for an airbag system, the cover component having a tear line that is torn open when an airbag of the airbag system inflates, comprising:

forming a recessed line at least in a part of the tear line by using a raised line provided on a core surface of a die when the cover component is molded, the recessed line extending in a line and having a first end, a central portion with opposing sides, and a second end; and

boring hollows in the recessed line at intervals by laser processing,

wherein a bottom ~~recess~~ of the recessed line at the first or second end of the recessed line is molded to form a sloped surface [[slope]] inclined relative to a back of the cover component, wherein the sloped surface is inclined in a longitudinal direction of the recessed line.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the tear line extends in an H shape.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 46, wherein the bottom ~~recess~~ of the recessed line near the first or second end of the recessed line is formed in a slope about 30° to 60° inclined relative to the back of the cover component.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, further comprising forming the hollows to extend only partially through the cover component.

50. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the H shape includes a central portion and legs extending from the central portion,

wherein the sloped surface is inclined in a longitudinal direction of the recessed line at ends of the legs of the H shape.

51. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the H shape includes a central portion and legs extending from the central portion,

wherein the sloped surface is inclined in a longitudinal direction of the recessed line at ends of the legs of the H shape.